

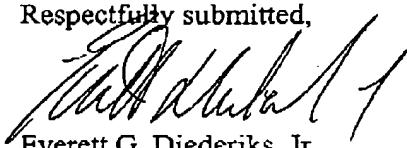
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Application Serial No. 10/657,583
Reply to Office Action dated December 21, 2006EXPEDITED HANDLING PROCEDURE
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.116REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In an Office Action dated December 21, 2006, the Examiner indicated that claims 3-10 and 32 pending in connection with the above-identified U.S. patent application are allowed. The Examiner further indicated that claims 1, 2 and 11-17 are rejected. On February 21, 2007, the Applicant filed a response to this Office Action making various amendments to the rejected claims in order to further prosecution. The Examiner indicated in an Advisory Action dated February 28, 2007 that the amended claims raised new issues that would require further consideration and/or searching. In an effort to further prosecution, the Applicant has elected to cancel claims 1, 2 and 11-17 in the present case. The Applicant does reserve the right to file a continuation to capture the subject matter of the canceled claims.

Based on the above remarks and amendments to the claims, the Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is now in clear condition for allowance such that entry of this amendment/response after final, allowance of all claims and passage of the application to issue are respectfully requested. If the Examiner should have any additional questions or concerns regarding this matter, he is cordially invited to contact the undersigned at the number provided below in order to further prosecution.

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